Setting up of an institute of engineering and technology at longowal in Punjab

929. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up as autonomous Institute of Engineering and Technology at Longowal in Punjab;

(b) if so, what progress has been made so far in this regard, and

(c) by when the said Institute is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Society for Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology has been registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 as amended by the Punjab Amendment Act, 1957. A grant of Rs. 100.00 lakhs was sanctioned in March 1988 for the establishment of the Institute. The implementation of the Scheme is the responsibility of the State Government.

Aircraft with Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot

930. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of different kinds of aircraft at present with Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot, respectively; and

(b) what is the number and kinds of aircraft likely to be added by the three airlines during the next one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The fleet composition of Air India, Indian Airlines and ayuVdoot is as follows:

Air India	
B-747-200	10
A-310-B4	3
A-310-300	6
TOTAL :	19
Indian Airlines	
Airbus A-300	11
Boeing-737	27
HS-748	6
F-27	4
TOTAL :	48
Vayudoot	
Dorniers (DQ-228)	10
Avros (HS-478)	5
Fokkers (F-27)	4
TOTAL :	19

(b) Air India has placed an order for 2 B-1747-300 Combi aircraft which is scheduled for delivery in October/November, 1988. Indian Airlines will acquire 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft during 1989-90.

A committee has been set up by the Board of Vayudoot for examining the number and type of aircraft to be purchased for Vayudoot. The report is yet to be finalised by the Committee.

Literacy percentage of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes

931. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of literacy amongst the Scheduled Castes in the country; and

(b) what special steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to attract Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes children to schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION